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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”



News

The face of the university – the area in front of Old Main – is getting a makeover.
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Petitions to run for a Student Government office become available today.

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Softball team drops conference opener to Eastern Kentucky 4-0.
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Eagles eyed



Kate Mitchell / Assoc. photo editor

Janie Fink, a raptor biologist, holds Liberty, a 12-pound bald eagle Tuesday evening at the raptor show in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The bald eagle, an old english name meaning “white-headed”, is our national symbol and was once critically endangered.

Dean candidate has plans for online courses, funding

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

Eastern’s small college atmosphere and close relationship between faculty and students is what attracted Barbara Nemecek, one of two final candidates for the position of dean in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, to apply for the position.

“I like the students. I want to be in a small institution where the interaction between faculty and students is high,” Nemecek told faculty, students and staff Thursday in Lumpkin Hall.

Nemecek also said she wants to be in a state that values higher education.

“I’m not so sure we do value higher education in Montana, but you do here,” Nemecek said, referring to the current state she works in.

Nemecek is currently the dean of the College of Business at Montana State University, which has recently developed a significant amount of online courses, something Eastern is gearing up to accomplish.

“In two years we have put all the core business classes online,” Nemecek said. “We are

also half way through the process of developing a masters program online.”

Nemecek said she believes online education is effective for introductory classes, but she isn’t sure if it is as effective for advanced courses.

“The data that we have to date from our assessments proves that online education is a convenience, at least,” Nemecek said.

Nemecek also offered some hint at what she may do for Eastern’s historic lack of funding.

“We have the exact same problem at Bilings. Rather than to complain about being on the bottom of the totem pole, I have found it better to look for new ways of increasing funding,” Nemecek said.

Looking for partnerships with businesses, politicians and industries is one away Nemecek said she would seek untraditional funding.

“Funding sources will not always remain the same,” Nemecek said.

Nemecek also stated she was in full support of accreditation for the accounting department and all fields.

Student Pride party fields four exec candidates

Group has no one to fill presidential slot, but includes three running for senate seats

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

The goal of the Student Pride party is the same as its name.

“We want to establish unity and re-instill pride in the university and the community,” said party member Alison Mormino.

The new Student Pride party, the second party to announce its candidacy, will field four candidates for the Student Government elections on April 17 and 18, including Mormino, a junior political science major, for vice president for student affairs; Daryl Jones, a senior speech communication major, for vice president for public affairs; Dwight Nelson, a junior psychology major, for vice president for financial affairs; and Nina Samii, a freshman biology major, for vice president for student affairs.

The party does not have a presidential candidate.

Stephanie Isaac, a sophomore English major; Portia Andrews, a freshman psychology major; and Bill Davidson, a freshman undecided major, also will run on the Student Pride ticket as candidates for

Student Senate, Mormino said.

While every member of the party shares common goals of student pride and unity, Mormino said specific issues and ideas will be up to the individual candidates.

“We have one main idea, and we each have different ways we’re going to go about (accomplishing) that,” she said.

If elected, Mormino said she would work on several ideas, including a community-wide volunteer project to paint the houses of the poor, handicapped and elderly residents of Charleston and a tenant union that would protect the rights of students living off-campus.

Jones said he would work on projects such as luring a 24-hour diner to the old Hardee’s location at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

“There should be a place where everyone can go regardless of age, where people can have something to drink, have fun and watch the game,” he said.

If elected as vice president for financial affairs, Nelson said he “would not be afraid

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Faculty Senate sees project alternatives

By Joshua Niziolekiewicz
Staff writer

Scott Kupperman and Dave Hiltey, employees of Epstein and Sons architectural firm in Chicago, met with the Faculty Senate Tuesday to discuss two alternate plans for the Seventh Street project.

The project involves closing down the campus side of Seventh Street to create a dual walkway for pedestrians. At present, the plan is to have the street lined with trees and ornamental lighting, and adding some paved brick areas.

Vehicular and pedestrian access, along with parking, were major concerns of some members of the Faculty Senate.

“A computer simulation (virtual tour) would be nice for people anticipating the quality of change,” said senate member Charles Everly. “It would be exceedingly useful in reducing rejections of what might be here.”

Two alternate plans were presented, the second of which is the preference of Epstein and Sons firm.

“It limits vehicular access and keeps trucks isolated,” Kupperman said.

Using the second plan would call for

the relocation of Johnson Street, so trucks can go directly into the parking lot of the steam plant without turning on to Seventh Street. Under the first plan, Johnson Street would not be moved, making it necessary to travel on certain areas of Seventh Street to get to the steam plant.

However, Kupperman did point out that the design is subject to change a number of times before a final draft is decided upon. Also, Kupperman informed the senate that the project could be completed in pieces, instead of closing off the whole street for construction.

Everly said doing the project in pieces is in the best interest of recruitment.

Kupperman said the firm’s current priority is to analyze how the university uses Seventh Street and to draw out all of the needs of university constituents.

“We want to minimize time and make sure all needs are addressed, so day-to-day life will continue,” Kupperman said.

In other senate business, Faculty Senate chair James Tidwell passed along the governor’s recommendation for Eastern’s allocations in the 2002 fiscal year.

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Speaker offering dating help

By Jennifer Rigg Activities editor

David Coleman’s workshop, “Creative Dating: The Cure for the Common Relationship,” may be just the solution for those students who are looking to spice up their relationships. The workshop begins tonight at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Lynn Stahlhut, University Board lectures coordinator, said students will discover from the workshop their options and tendencies regarding dating and relationships, what enhances their relationships and a new feeling of confidence in themselves and their abilities. Coleman, a three-time winner of

the Campus Lecture Program of the Year, has been traveling around to over 1,500 schools nationwide talking to students about “Creative Dating.” He received his B.S. in speech pathology and audiology in 1983 and his master’s in college student personnel administration in 1985, both from Bowling Green University in Ohio. His recent book release, “Date Smart! How to Stop Revolving and Start Evolving in Relationships,” has been ranked in the top 10 percent of all books selling on Amazon.com since it was released in February of 2000. Stahlhut said Coleman will cover a wide range of topics, including what impresses men and women, basic differences between the sexes,

the five stages of a relationship, long distance relationships and Rohypnol (the “date rape drug”), just to name a few. Coleman will also discuss how to plan creative, low-budget dates, how to tell if someone is interested, five characteristics of a healthy relationship, breaking up and rejection lines along with pick-up lines. “Creative Dating” is a workshop that promotes interaction among audience members, Stahlhut said. Students will be able to meet others, gain strategies to improve their social lives, feel more confident in their chances of having ideal social lives and realize that they are not alone in the dating pool. After the workshop, Stahlhut said students will have a different perspective on dating and relationships.



Kate Mitchell / Assoc. photo editor

Puppy love

Brandy Bihlmeier, a senior recreation administration major, and Kyle Kerber, a junior speech communications major, walk their purebred boxer Boston Tuesday afternoon along Seventh Street.

What’s on tap?

Special events open to all students, faculty, staff and community members can be published in What’s on tap. Events limited to specific groups or organizations or regularly scheduled events can be published in CampusClips. To have your event included send details, including time, date, place and cost, to cucds6@pen.eiu.edu or bring a written statement to 1811 Buzzard Hall.

Today

4 p.m., “Fast Food Women” movie, Women’s Resource Center, basement of Stevenson Hall.

7 p.m., “Creative Dating,” Grand Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

7:30 p.m., “Easy Money, Hard Consequences,” Charleston/Mattoon Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

7 p.m., “No Exit,” Studio Theatre, Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Thursday

7 p.m., “Tools for Success for Working Women: Personal Experiences,” Effingham Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

7 p.m., “No Exit,” Studio Theatre, Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Friday

7 p.m., “No Exit,” Studio Theatre, Doudna Fine Arts Center.

three-day forecast

today

52° Mostly cloudy
23°

Thursday

50° Cloudy
35°

Friday

60° Mostly cloudy
41°

police blotterDriving under the influence

Justin M. Harvey, 19, of the 1800 block of Douglas Drive, was cited at 8:51 p.m. March 15 at the same address for driving under the influence and reckless driving, a police report stated.

Pamela A. Meder, 20, of Andrews Hall was cited at 12:48 a.m. March 7 in the 1200 block of Seventh Street for driving under the influence, possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia, a police report stated.

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Grounds in front of Old Main to get new look

By Chris Maley
Staff writer

When students return to classes after their summer break, they may notice some significant changes as they drive past Old Main — Eastern's most well-known structure is getting a facelift.

Complete with brick walkways leading to the Livingston A. Lord Administration Building, wrought iron gates, fresh landscaping and limestone walls, the improvements will "reflect the character of the university," said Stephen Shrake, university architect.

"I think it'll be a great enhancement to the university," said.

The decision to make the changes came around a year and a half ago when the university learned that the city of Charleston was making changes of its own on Lincoln Avenue, just north of Eastern's campus, Shrake said.

The city reworked the median on Lincoln and eliminated the turn

lane leading to the parking area in front of Old Main. This made it dangerous to keep the parking area and may have also been a factor in deciding to go ahead with the renovations to Old Main, Shrake said.

Although Shrake did not know the exact cost of the job yet, he said that Eastern has budgeted \$325,000 for it.

Construction on the additions to Old Main is scheduled to begin May 7, the Monday after spring commencement. But Shrake indicated that date is not certain.

"It kind of depends on the contractor's schedule," Shrake said. The name of the contractor undertaking the project is not available, as the bidding process is just getting underway.

Students returning to campus this summer for classes need not worry about being inconvenienced. Shrake said that the construction "shouldn't be any imposition at all" for students with classes in Old Main.



Image courtesy of the Office of Buisness Affairs

The grounds in front of Old Main will receive some work after graduation this year. This is what the area is planned to look like after construction is finished.

Student Senate to vote on proposed revisions

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student Government editor

Fourteen proposed revisions to the Student Government constitution will be submitted to the Student Senate tonight.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Univeristy Union.

The revisions would change many key parts of the constitution, including eliminating an executive position, adding a privacy clause to the student's bill of rights, detailing rights students have with University Housing and adjusting the requirements to run for a Student Government position.

One revision would eliminate the office of student vice president for financial affairs and replace it with the office of vice president for student affairs. The office of vice president for business affairs would carry additional powers and responsibilities that would make the position similar to the duties of the administration's office of the same name, said Student Body President Katie Cox.

Another revision would assert students' right to privacy and states stu-

dents have a right to be present when a university official enters their living space, as well as the right to be "intimately involved" with decisions by University Housing affecting them.

Two other revisions would raise the required grade point average needed to run for an executive position from 2.0 to 2.25 and allow part-time students to run for senate.

The senate will vote on each proposed revision separately, said Senate Speaker Adam Weyhaupt. The revisions that pass the senate will be voted on by the student body during Student Government elections April 17 and 18.

If the students pass the revisions, many, such as the privacy clause, would take effect immediately. However, other revisions, such as changing the office of vice president for financial affairs, if passed, would not take effect until next year to avoid confusion, Weyhaupt said.

In other business, senate members also will vote on a variety of legislation, from a bylaw change limiting student executives' tuition waiver to a bill allocating \$200 to the new rider/roommate board.

Cox also also will give her State of the University address.

Vandalism problems at Carman

Destruction ranges from litter in hallways to tearing a water fountain from the wall, few caught for their actions

By Shauna Gustafson
Development director

Stolen fire extinguishers, broken exit signs and water fountains ripped from the wall are a few of the problems Carman Hall has seen recently.

Carman Resident Director Amy Price said police reports have been filed for some of the vandalism, but that in many cases there are no suspects.

One of the main problems Carman has had is trash being thrown down stairwells or hallways. Price said the carpets have been cleaned twice already this year, something that is usually only done once, after students leave in the spring.

"It shouldn't need to be done more than once a year," she said.

Many fire extinguishers, or the glass cases they are contained in, have been broken or stolen throughout the building. Price said this is a real problem for safety reasons.

Price said there have also been six or seven damaged or destroyed exit signs, so many that Facilities,

Planning and Management has run out of replacement parts for the signs.

The worst of the vandalism occurred in the month of February, Price said.

"It's normal for things to get a little rowdier," she said. "I would say ... it's unusual in the extent of the damage. Mostly this is the guys' side."

Price said most of the damage has been contained to two or three floors in the south tower.

So far, few accusations of guilt have been made, as few students have come forward as witnesses to the acts. Price said there have been a few instances where guilt has been determined, and the administration is working with the University Police Department on charges.

Detective Sgt. Ron Miller of UPD said the vandalism at Carman is not significantly different than that which occurs elsewhere on campus.

"All the residence halls experience some vandalism," Miller said. "For the most part ... it's considerably more this year than it (has been) in the past."

“All of the residence halls experience some vandalism. (But) it's considerably more this year than it (has been) in the past.”

Ron Miller
University Police Department detective

Miller said Carman is looking into ways to solve some of the problems, such as requiring keys for each floor on the elevators and requiring keys to enter each floor.

He said some of the problems are originally just pranks being pulled by people from other floors.

"Some of it is just plain meanness," Miller said.

Incidents such as the broken exit signs are more serious than others, Miller said.

"That's serious; those are felonies," he said. "There's no witnesses. Right now we haven't charged anyone with those."

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A welcome sight

Eastern welcomes home President Carol Surles. Eastern has missed President Surles, and, for a while now, the university has needed her back. Four months out of a school year is quite a chunk of time to be absent for and a lot has happened.

First of all, the Illinois Board of Higher Education recommended the university get the highest increase in state funding, 7 percent. Then Governor Ryan cut \$100,000 out of it. Then there is the \$2.9 million dollar budget shortfall we expect to hit next year. The university started work on the new food court and it looks like we're still going to get that \$53 million dollars for the shiny new fine arts center.

Surles' return

Eastern has needed its leader back, and now that President Surles is healthy, it's good to see her return.

On a smaller scale, the shuttle bus system turned into a contractual fiasco. The city put in a pedestrian light

on Fourth Street and the construction on the chilled water loop next to Lumpkin Hall was completed.

Many things haven't changed during Surles' absence though: we still have an excessive amount of acting administrators, including three of the four vice presidents and several of their assistants. In her absence, Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, was essentially the only official executive administrator.

However, Eastern's administration was not too inexperienced because two of the acting vice presidents have been in that capacity for well over a year.

Surles is going to be very busy the next couple of months. Pretty soon she is going to have to choose a new vice president for business affairs and vice president for academic affairs. Another major chore will be to protect our budget from the chaotic politics of the legislature. These extras come along with all the other duties of president that often extend beyond regular working hours.

In all honesty, good things and bad have come about since Surles took over at Eastern. This school needs leadership, the kind of leadership Surles has the experience to provide. Eastern is sick of the infighting between the administration and the teacher's union. Eastern needs her to bring us together. In order for Surles to accomplish all these things we need her to be in good health and if four months is what she needs than it is a sacrifice the university is glad to have made.

Eastern is happy to have Surles back and it hopes her health stays well.

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Today's quote

“I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship.

Louisa May Alcott
author, 1832-1888

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Inspection program a must for Charleston

How many of you would buy a car with flat tires, no headlights and only 2 quarts of oil in the engine? I'm guessing very few, if any. So why would any of us want to rent a house, or an apartment, with a faulty water heater, an unstable foundation and a leaky roof?

These issues are going to determine the outcome of the Charleston mayoral race.

Only one of the two mayoral candidates believes in a rental inspection program that will make student housing a little safer.

Mayor Cougill is fighting an uphill battle in terms of implementing a rental inspection program. The fact that he is staking his re-election on this issue to help the students is worth some merit.

As a student who lives in an apartment off campus, I can tell you firsthand the problems I have with my apartment and, to some extent, with my landlord. I still have a leaky roof, with the leak positioned right over an electrical outlet.

When I reported it to my landlord, he said he was in the process of finding a new roofer and would take care of it soon. That was in November. My roommate and I considered having an inspector come in just to see what the inspector would find but were afraid that if we did so, we would not have a place to live.



Chris Sievers
News editor

“It's sad to think that landlords need a law in order for them to maintain safe living conditions.”

It's for reasons like these that landlords need to be held accountable for the property they rent to students. It's sad to think that landlords need a law in order for them to maintain safe living conditions.

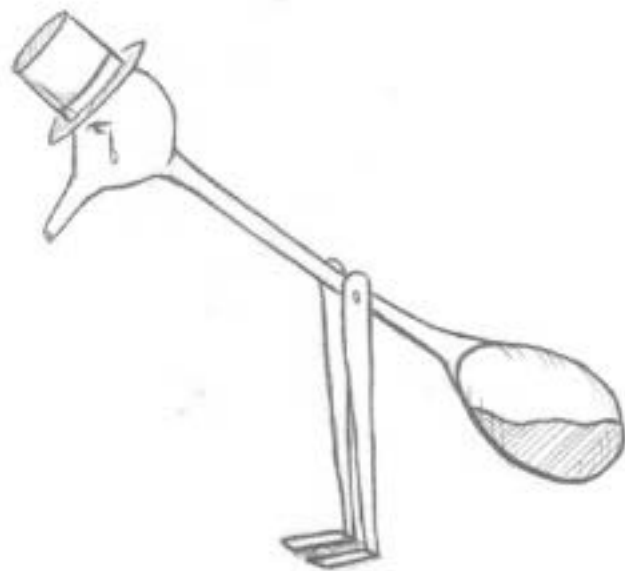
Maybe this is why Cougill's opponent has a lot of support from the landlords and contractors in the community. They know that if he gets into office they will not be held accountable

for the subpar living conditions they rent out to students.

Now, I'm not saying that about all landlords, nor am I saying all off-campus housing is in bad shape. I've seen landlords who really care about their property and their tenants. Maybe these landlords are in favor of the rental inspection program because they have nothing to hide. And maybe the landlords and contractors who are creating such a fuss about the proposed program are doing so because they would be forced to pump a lot of money in repairs to the apartments.

I find it hard to believe that any off-campus Eastern student or any Charleston parent would not want a rental inspection program.

No matter what the outcome is in the mayoral election, students need to fight for a rental inspection program. n Chris Sievers is a senior journalism major and a semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*. His e-mail address is cdsievers@eiu.edu. Columns are the opinion of the author.



“With Surles coming back to work we don't need your services anymore, sorry but we're going to have to let you go.” (eh)

Mormino works hard for students and Eastern

As the end of the year draws near, the Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honorary must begin preparing for the nomination and selection of three scholarship winners. Although each scholarship (Enochs, Wright and McKinney) has its own specific criteria, they are all premised upon the notion of impacting the lives of residence hall students.

As a former resident assistant, and founder of the Wright scholarship, I have been fortunate enough to see many amazing people come and go through the housing department. However, this year one individual stood out more than any other I've seen in the past: Alison Mormino.

Currently, Ms. Mormino sits as president of RHA. Although she has been president for less than a semester, she has already increased attendance at meetings and managed to form actual

Your turn

Letters to the editor

committees. She also has served the housing community through her roles as student representative to the search committee for the director of housing and dining, student representative to the Housing Bond and Revenue Committee, and student representative to the New Student Housing Scholarship Committee.

She also represented Eastern at Millikin University while attending the Illinois Residence Hall Association annual conference. In addition, she chaired the Housing Committee for Student Senate during fall of 2000.

Although her commitment to housing occupies much of her time, Ms. Mormino still has time to being music into the hearts of others, literally. Ms. Mormino plays the trumpet in the band and the marching band, of which she is the trumpet squad leader. During the

holiday season, she also brings joy to the hearts of others working in the Salvation Army's "Bell-Ringing" campaign.

As you can see, Ms. Mormino has done many great things for the university, but what has impressed me the most about all my encounters with this young lady is her honest heart and willingness to help others. Only last semester she fought to maintain a scholarship in memory of a young man she never knew. When thanked, she was humble.

I truly hope that as nominations are being made, someone will remember to include this amazing young woman. Oftentimes, the most obvious choices are the ones we forget.

To Ms. Mormino, thank you for all you have done to make Eastern a better place!

Melissa Velon
Eastern alumna

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Blue emergency buzzers used less than in the past

By Karen Kirr
Campus editor

The 19 emergency buzzers, contained in blue modules, scattered throughout campus have been pushed less than in previous years, said Art Mitchell, police officer for the University Police Department.

The modules that provide safety to students walking throughout campus can be activated by the pushing the button located on its face.

“When the button is activated, a blue light comes on and a dispatcher asks whether they need fire, police or an ambulance,” Mitchell said. “Usually it takes under a minute for an officer to get (to the person).”

He said the button is not pushed

nearly as much as it used to be.

“Ninety-five percent of the time it is pushed, someone is trying to see what the reaction will be,” he said.

Mitchell said pranks are not a big concern when it comes to the emergency modules. He said if the button is pushed intentionally for no reason, it is done by someone intoxicated or a child at the summer camps that take place at Eastern.

Although pranks are a rarity, someone who does push it without a valid reason can be penalized with fines or may even have to spend a few days in jail if they are caught by police, he said.

“It is considered interfering with emergency equipment (when the button is pushed as a prank),” Mitchell said.

If they are pushed, it usually

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Ninety-five percent of the time it is pushed, someone is trying to see what the reaction will be.
”

Art Mitchell
police officer for UPD

occurs in the evening, Mitchell said.

“They are hardly ever pushed during the day,” he said. “It is usually on a night shift.”

Mitchell said even though the buzzers are not often activated, they are an asset that helps ensure students’ safety walking across campus.

Students to learn to be financially independent

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

College is the first time many students are out on their own financially, and many students can easily get into credit trouble.

Sandy Cox, assistant director of the counseling center, has put together a workshop that can help students keep from falling into credit debt.

Cox has brought Ivor Kiwi from MBNA America, a credit card company, to give the presentation, “Easy Money, Hard Consequences: Credit and Your Future” tonight at 7:30 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Cox said Kiwi plans on focusing his discussion on how to manage a credit card and how to avoid getting into trouble. He will also talk a little on the dangers of having a credit

card, such as the charges that the credit card company charges when payments are late.

“(Kiwi) will also show (students) how to handle financial difficulty and how (students) can obtain their credit report,” Cox said.

The main idea that Cox said she hoped that students would learn from the workshop would be how to stay out of credit trouble in the first place in order to avoid all the financial difficulties that follow.

“People can underestimate the consequences of financial trouble,” Cox said.

The consequences that can come from credit difficulties are not only financial, Cox said. As the bills and charges rack up, they also can cause emotional difficulties. Cox said she also hopes that students who attend the workshop can avoid both difficulties altogether.

Student Government election petitions available today

By Jeremy Pelzer
Student government editor

Students interested in a Student Government position for next year can pick up a petition starting at 11 a.m. today in the Student Activities Center, located on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, said Student Body President Katie Cox.

** positions for Student Senate, five student dean positions and all five

student executive officer positions are up for grabs in this year’s election, April 17 and 18.

The candidates for senate or student dean must have 25 students sign their petition to be eligible for the position while candidates for an executive officer position must collect 100 signatures, Cox said.

While any student can sign a petition for executive office or student dean, Cox said senate candidates can only collect signatures from their

constituancy; that is, candidates for an on-campus senate seat may only have on-campus students sign their petitions.

The signed petitions will be due in to the Student Activities Center by April 11 at 1 p.m., Cox said.

To be eligible for a senate or student dean position, a candidate must have a 2.25 grade point average, be in good disciplinary standing with the university and be a full-time student. Requirements for executive positions

are similar, except only a 2.0 GPA is needed to run.

If elected, senate candidates will be required to attend a weekly meeting and to hold two office hours a week in addition to any additional meetings they choose to attend, said Kristen Rutter, student vice president for academic affairs.

Student deans act as liaisons between the dean of each college and the students and have several tasks, such as attending student advisory

board meetings and organizing forums, Rutter said.

Student Government executive officers, which include the student body president as well as four vice presidential positions, work with the university and students on a wide variety of tasks and projects. Executive officers also receive a tuition waiver.

“Those who choose to be involved can really make a difference,” she said.

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Landlords say inspection project will cause more harm than good

By Alex Cardona
Staff writer

To some landlords in Charleston, the apartment inspections proposal has more problems than benefits.

With the mayoral race closing in, voters and residents have come to a debate over Mayor Dan Coughlin's proposed rental inspection program.

The proposed plan, which is still in committee, would have rental property being inspected occasionally with no fee to the renters, Coughlin said previously.

The problems landlords have with this plan come from a large disregard for the proposed benefits. Renters from three real estate agencies expressed their common dislike for the proposal and its possible fees.

There are a lot of hidden agendas in this proposal that the public needs to be aware of, said Martha Drake of Drake Homes. Drake is against it because she already has an inspection process in place.

Clinton Campbell, owner of Campbell Apartments for 19 years said, "I take care of my apartments and my renters' needs."

The landlords also said if any renter has any problems with their rentals, all they must do is call and the

problem would be fixed as soon as possible.

Sharon Turner, manager of Lincolnwood Pinetree, said Lincolnwood Pinetree already offers 24-hour maintenance and management adding, "I see no cause or need for this."

Lincolnwood Pinetree is always content to comply with any housing requests; all the renters have to do is call and ask, Turner said. Drake and Campbell also repeated this process in their own agencies, as the first obligation they have to their renters.

"Mattoon doesn't have it, why do we need it?" Campbell said. "In the current system, in any system the landlord is always responsible."

Campbell added if a renter or student gets hurt because of inadequate housing then the landlord should be held responsible. To him, the apartment inspections proposal just "doesn't seem logical."

The landlords believe they are enforcing the city's present housing standards, if the city would enforce the present laws onto inadequate housing then the city wouldn't have this problem, Drake said. The city is not using its power and authority to "enforce what they have now and there wouldn't be a new proposal,"

Drake added.

Another problem Campbell found with the inspections is the possible fee Coughlin formerly proposed. With this proposal, any landlord subjected to it would have to tack on some type of inspection fee to a renter's fee.

"This money is not going to come out of my pocket. Students need to realize that they will have to pay for this in the end," Campbell said.

"This is just a moneymaker for the city and would not benefit the students," Turner said. Any fee would be passed onto the students, she said.

She also said that the city can't handle the sheer volume these inspections would suggest, and the project would cause problems with delays in move-ins. Renters should know their housing rights. They need to become more informed, Turner said.

"The students need to realize what the city really means by this proposal and the effect it will have on them bad and good, the students have the power to change this," Campbell said.

As for students, "they should be aware of where and who rents the adequate housing and stay away from substandard apartments," Turner said.



Kate Mitchell / Assoc. photo editor

Scott Ballard, a city employee for the Charleston Street Department, shuffles dirt for landscaping on Lincoln Avenue Tuesday morning.

Students traveling outside of Charleston's city limits may run into some slow traffic and construction vehicles beginning next week.

Illinois Route 16 is expected to be under construction throughout the spring and summer as the entire road from Lema Road into Charleston is being completely resurfaced because of normal deterioration and wear and tear caused by snow and ice during the cold winter months, said Steve Sell, local supervisor for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"The road is just old and deteriorating," Sell said.

The road will be repaved with asphalt and should last approximately 20 years before it would need to be resurfaced again.

The Illinois Department of Transportation also will begin construction next week on resurfacing Interstate 57 between the south Mattoon exit and the Effingham exit for resurfacing during the spring and summer months, Sell said.

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Corn providing an alternative to costly natural gas heating

BUDA (AP) — Want to beat high energy costs? Burn corn. That's what some area farmers are doing, copying a practice during the Great Depression when corn often was the only affordable fuel supply.

While the cost of propane or natural gas has reached record highs this winter, the price of corn is an economical \$2 a bushel.

Gary Ehnle of rural Buda paid \$500 for propane gas in December and \$350 in January to heat his one-story, ranch-style house.

In mid-February, he installed a

corn-burning furnace in his basement. His estimated cost for one month — \$130.

"It's doing a nice job of heating our 2,600-square foot home. I have used 65 bushels of corn," said Ehnle, a farmer.

Ehnle pours 12 bushels of corn into a bin next to the furnace. The frequency of the fills depends on the temperature and house size. He stirs the burn pot once a day and empties the ashes every two days.

"Why didn't I do this a couple of years ago? Corn is a renewable

resource," said Ehnle, who expects to recover his purchase cost in three years.

Dick Schertz, a rural Tiskilwa farmer, has had a corn-burning stove in his living room for six years. "I use an average of a bushel of corn a day during the heating season," he said.

Schertz said corn beats wood in the time it takes to start or stop warming. "You can have heat in 10 minutes with corn. Wood takes a half hour," he said. "You have to wait for wood to burn out, but you can shut off the corn."

Chicago veterans upset over stadium renaming

CHICAGO (AP) — A proposal to add a corporate sponsor to historic Soldier Field as part of a massive rehabilitation project has outraged some veterans groups who say it was named to honor members of the military and shouldn't be altered.

While the Chicago Bears, the stadium's main tenant, say the Soldier Field name will remain, the team has reserved the right to add a corporate name — for a hefty fee. The result could be, for example, "Sears Stadium at Soldier Field," and a multi-million dollar annual

payout to the Bears.

But veterans want none of it.

"What they're saying is the past is not important. The future is important so long as money can be raised," Dana Elliot, commander of the Rehfeldt Meyer American Legion Post 474 in suburban Matteson, told the Daily Southtown. "We're absolutely being slighted."

The Bears have been playing at Soldier Field since 1971, but the stadium opened in 1924. The name was meant as a memorial to World War I soldiers.

Senate

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Three of Eastern's requests for operating expenses were not supported by the governor. Requests were denied for over \$98,000 in crucial operating expenses. The \$60,300 requested for utilities and the \$37,800 for library acquisitions were also denied by the gov-

ernor.

The governor also did not pass on a recommendation for the requested \$2.5 million for the chilled water loop.

"A spit in the ocean," as Tidwell called it, is the \$156,700 recommended by the governor for deferred maintenance. Eastern requested \$750,000 in this area.

"Our only recourse now is lobbying," Tidwell said.

Pride

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to audit and review fee spending."

Nelson, who will be appointed to the Parking and Traffic Appeals committee today, said he also would work to give students more parking on campus.

"I see spaces that stay empty all day because it says 'faculty' on

it," Nelson said. "It's ridiculous. I would help to re-evaluate the parking situation and give parking to more students."

Samii said, as vice president for academic affairs, she would attempt to improve relations between faculty and students.

In addition to holding forums between faculty and the student body, Samii said she also would try to revise the grade appeal

process.

"It's too confrontational," she said. "Teachers don't like being second-guessed."

Mormino said the Student Pride party has the experience to make a difference at the university.

"We're just as experienced as the other party," she said. "We know what's going on on this campus."

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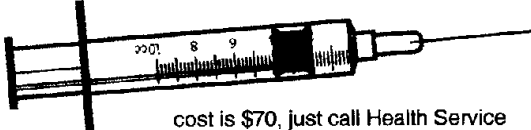
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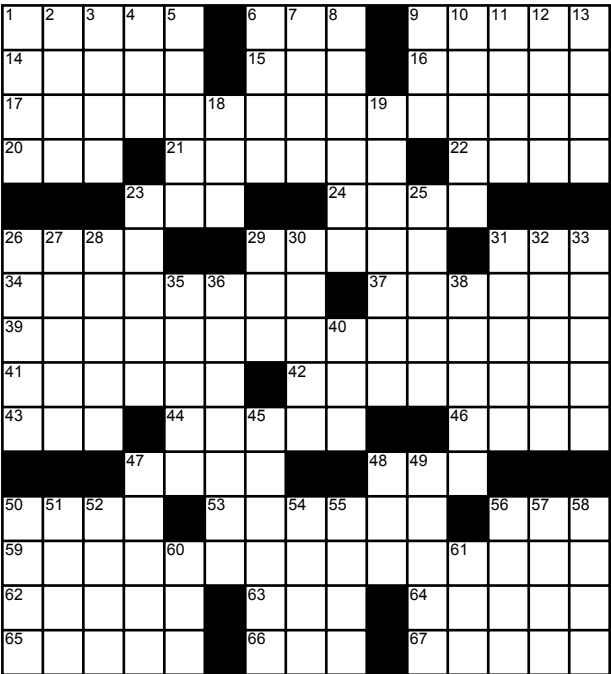
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California electricity prices surge by 46 percent

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As protesters jeered “Hell, no, we won’t pay!” California regulators approved electricity rate increases of up to 46 percent Tuesday to head off blackouts this summer and keep the state’s two biggest utilities from going under.

The increases — approved 5-0 by the Public Utilities Commission — are the biggest in California history and take effect immediately

for the 25 million people served by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co.

“The PUC has done all it can,” commission president Loretta Lynch said. “We have fought back hard in every venue possible against these unjust energy prices.”

The PUC also ordered the utilities to pay the state for billions of dollars of electricity it has bought on behalf of their customers. Just

how much wasn’t known; the state has not disclosed how much it has spent on various long- and short-term power contracts.

For the rate increase, the commission said it will create a tiered system that will protect poor people and penalize customers who use the most electricity.

Lynch proposed the higher rates as a way to force “electricity hogs” to conserve and to help keep SoCal

Edison and PG&E solvent.

The plan is also seen as a way to protect California’s budget surplus, which is being drained of \$40 million to \$50 million a day as the state buys power for the cash-strapped utilities. Since the crisis began, more than \$4.2 billion in taxpayer money has been spent to keep the lights on.

SoCal Edison and PG&E say they have lost more than \$13 bil-

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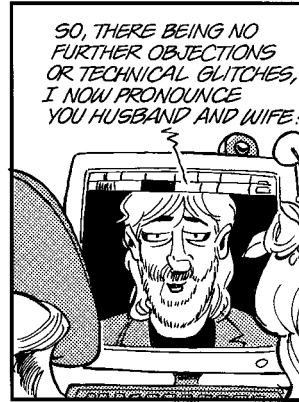
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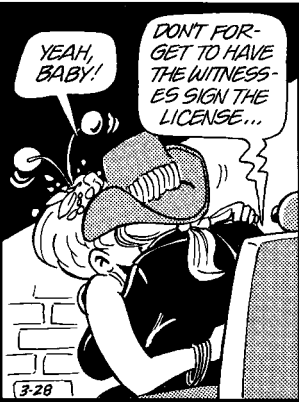
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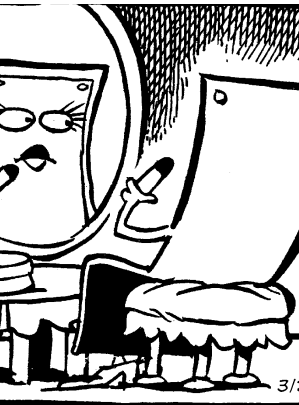
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Men's, women's golf teams perform well in first invites of spring season at Butler, Southern Illinois

Meinhart's career-best performance leads men to first-place finish, women take 9th at SIU

By Bill Ruthhart
Sports editor

The men's and women's golf teams got off to solid starts in their first weekend of action in the spring season.

Eastern's men competed in the Butler Invitational while the women traveled to Carbondale to take part in the Southern Illinois Invitational.

The men's invite was shortened to 18 holes because of cold weather, but the Panthers were still able to come away with the win.

Eastern finished two strokes ahead of conference rival

Southeast Missouri State to win the invite's lowest score of 313.

Senior Derek Meinhart finished with a score of 73, which was good enough for second place, just two strokes behind Saint Louis' Adam Trower.

Meinhart's performance was a career-best.

"Derek's round of 73 was unbelievable taking into account the weather conditions," Panther head coach Jay Albaugh said.

"After a poor fall season, this was a great way to start the spring.

"This team has been focused all spring on playing much better than in the fall," he said.

Jim Hamann was the next best performer for Eastern, tying for ninth with a score of 78. Chris Womack and Matt Holmes finished tied for 28th with scores of 81,

while Dave Rella finished tied for 30th place with a score of 82.

The Panthers were followed by SEMO, Saint Louis, IUPUI-Indianapolis, Evansville, Oakland University, Western Illinois,



Derek Meinhart

Detroit Mercy, Butler, Loyola, Bradley, Rober Morris and Creighton. On the women's side, Eastern managed a ninth place finish in a field of 14. The invite was scored with two different 18-hole rounds.

While the none of the women were able to finish in the top 20, they did show consistency as a team.

Amanda Minchin was Eastern's top performer with a score of 166, 22 strokes over par. Tyra Frederick finished tied for 25th with a score 24 strokes over par.

Erica West finished tied for 32nd place, while teammate

Kristin Hoff finished tied for 56th.

Ohio University won the invitational with a combined score of 633. They were followed by Bradley (634), Southern Illinois (636), Northern Iowa (648), Eastern Michigan (661), Southwest Missouri State (663), Murray State (672), Illinois State (680) and Eastern (683).

"Everyone had a poor short game, but we are working on it," Albaugh said of his women. "Our top finishers were all freshman and sophomores.

"We're a young team that's continually closing the gap on our conference and in-state rivals."

Hill's all-star teammates announced

Six all-conference players, two league players of year join Panther senior guard in NABC Roundball Challenge against the Harlem Globetrotters

By Bill Ruthhart
Sports editor

The National Association of Basketball Coaches announced the remainder of its 11-man roster that includes Eastern senior guard Kyle Hill.

The team, which the NABC calls "the best 11 players in the country not playing in the Final Four," will play the Harlem Globetrotters at the Final Four in Minneapolis Friday.

The guards on the team include Iowa's All-Big 10 selection Dean Oliver, Oklahoma's Big 12 Tournament MVP Nolan Johnson, All-Atlantic 10 guard Tony Stanley from Dayton and local favorite Terrance Simmons from Minnesota. Those four will join Eastern's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament MVP and all-conference selection Kyle Hill in the game that will be televised on the Fox Sports Network.

Hill, who broke the record for Eastern's single season scoring record, will be joined by forwards Anthony Evans from Georgia (All-Southeast Conference), Marcus Griffin of Illinois, Sean Lampley from California (PAC 10 Player of the Year) and Mckeli Wesley from Brigham Young (All-Mountain West).

The team also has a pair of centers in the 7-foot, 1-

NABC All-Star roster

No.	Name	School	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
44	Eric Chenoweth	Kansas	C	7-1	270	Villa Park, Calif.
4	Anthony Evans	Georgia	F	6-7	265	Stone Mt., Ga.
52	Marcus Griffin	Illinois	F	6-9	235	Peoria, Ill.
11	Kyle Hill	E. Illinois	G	6-2	180	Summit, Ill.
5	Nolan Johnson	Oklahoma	G	6-4	220	Brooklyn, N.Y.
21	Sean Lampley	California	F	6-7	225	Chicago, Ill.
20	Dean Oliver	Iowa	G	5-11	175	Mason City, Iowa
23	Terrance Simmons	Minnesota	G	6-3	185	Haughton, La.
12	Tony Stanley	Dayton	G	6-4	200	Philadelphia, Pa.
15	Wesley, Mckeli	BYU	F	6-9	240	Provo, Utah
40	Tarvis Williams	Hampton	C	6-9	200	Maysville, N.C.

inch Eric Chenoweth from Kansas and Hampton's Tarvis Williams.

The team was supposed to be coached by Michigan State's Tom Izzo, but because of the Spartan's appearance in the Final Four, legendary Purdue coach Gene Keady. Keady, who passed up on signing Hill during his senior season because of a stress fracture in the guard's foot, will lead the team against the Globetrotters in a straight-up, competitive game.

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Redbirds win 7th consecutive game over Panthers

By Bill Ruthhart
Sports editor

The Panther baseball team was only able to muster up five hits in a 1-0 loss at Illinois State, Eastern's seventh consecutive loss to the Redbirds.



"We have absolutely none, zero situational hitting," Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said. "It was a total lack of focus." Chris Martin,

Keith Laski, Bret Pignatiello, Brad Weitekamp and Jesse Niehaus each had one hit for the Panthers, who had their chances to score in the game, but couldn't cash in. "He had a situation where we had the bases loaded and one out and couldn't score, we had a situation where we had runners at first and second with nobody out and hit into a double play and didn't score," Schmitz said. "And then we had a runner on first and no one out and messed up a bunt play." The botched bunt turned out to be one of the biggest plays of the game. First baseman Ben Duke popped up the

bunt attempt to the backstop where ISU catcher Steve Reyes recorded the out near the backstop. Panther second baseman Josh Landon, who had led off the inning with a walk, was then gunned down trying to tag up and advance to second, ending Eastern's hopes of scoring in the eighth inning. The bright spot for the Panthers (8-12, 5-0) was the pitching performance by Eastern lefty Nick Albu who threw 6 and 2/3 innings allowing just one run on seven hits while walking two and striking out seven. "Nick's been rehabbing and it was nice

to see him able to go that long into the game and throw that many pitches," Schmitz said. "He was pitching against a very good hitting team and that gives us some confidence with all three of our pitchers heading into the weekend." The Panthers will host Indiana State who whipped the Panthers by 11 last week in Terre Haute tomorrow afternoon. Schmitz hopes he'll get a similar pitching performance but with a better offensive effort. "Nick did a good job pitching," he said. "We just had a very poor offensive day. Our guys didn't show up (Tuesday), hopefully they will (today)."

Ace

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(Metz) just couldn't get things done at the plate, but we'll take him on the mound any day." With the way Metz has been pitching this season, and more specifically the last 10 days or so, Schmitz may want him to pitch every day. The right-hander, in two conference games this season, has only allowed three runs on 10 hits, and has compiled a 2-0 record in the OVC. "One of the things that has made it easy for me to get some things done has been the play of our defense," Metz said. "I feel like I can throw anything and it will be caught, because these guys are so good with the glove." But what has impressed Schmitz the most about his new ace has been the composure that

Metz has had so far. "The nice thing about Scott is that whether he wins or loses he has that 'Aw shucks' attitude," Schmitz said. "And by that I mean that he is one of the guys that doesn't let things get into his head." Another quality that the Eastern skipper likes about his pitcher is the fact that Metz can go out and give the team quality innings every time he toes the rubber. "For the past couple of years John Larson carried us on his back," Schmitz said. "The year we won it all we did it with four arms. "But with Scott and even Pete Martin it gives us so much more depth because we can use more of our good arms on Sunday because of the innings those two gave us on Saturday." But does the pressure of being compared to a recent Eastern great in Larson, or the pressure of being the Panthers ace worry Metz?

"When I think of starting the first game of a conference weekend, I don't think of the pressure. I think of the challenge," Metz said. "When I first became a pitcher Larson was our number one, and one of my goals was to be that guy that everyone believed in on the mound." But being that guy almost didn't happen this year for the junior because of elbow tendinitis that kept him sidelined for all of the fall season. "Scott came on last year and pitched well in the final game of the season, and then pitched very well in the summer," Schmitz said. "But he had some soreness and we didn't see him at all this fall." So when spring rolled around it was time for Schmitz to try and make a weekend rotation and pick a true number one. Luckily for Metz he was able to impress his coach enough to get the nod. "Every team needs a number

one starter on their staff. And coming into the year we didn't know who that would be," Schmitz said. "It was really between Nick Albu, Pete Martin, and Scotty. And not to put those other guys down, but Scotty really stepped up and jumped into that number one role." So how does Metz feel about the dark horse role that he took at the beginning of this year for his coach, but the dark horse role he has taken for the rest of the teams in the Ohio Valley Conference? "I kind of like the role because not too many people know who I am in the conference and that means I may be able to catch them by surprise," Metz said. "But I think that our whole team has that dark-horse mentality about us. We won the league two years in a row and then we had one bad season and we were picked to finish sixth in the conference. We are just out to prove what we can do."

Colonels

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"We didn't hit the ball like we have been of late," Searle said. "We got a couple of line-drive hits that just didn't turn into hits and we had too many strike outs. "They just need to make sure they see the ball and hit the ball - see each pitch and decide what they'll go after. Today we had a lapse." Eastern Kentucky came back to seal their first conference win with a final run in the seventh. Herrington's triple to lead off the inning was backed up by junior catcher Megan Mills immediately after for the Colonels' fourth run of the game. Eastern tried to retaliate behind the plate in the bottom of the fourth inning with a hit by Slama to lead the Panthers off, but without another hit in the game, she was stranded on first base. "We started this game really strong, but there were a couple of close calls and the other team gets those breaks," Searle said. "We didn't get the hits and that stifled us."

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Shaking off jet lag, time differences

Think about what the softball team has been through. Spending spring break in California and extending that trip for nearly another week in Hawaii for a second tournament may seem ideal to the Eastern student still freezing in Charleston.

Starting the return trip at 5 a.m. Monday in Hawaii, flying across the continent and landing in the Midwest at 6 a.m. is quite a day. And the Panthers still had a game to play.

Opening up its conference season Tuesday certainly gave the advantage to Eastern Kentucky, but despite all the trials and tribulations within the past 48 hours, the Panthers stepped onto Williams Field with enthusiasm.

The only sign of the recent trip was their tan.

Senior Melissa Slama showed Panther fans why she was named to the Hawaii Invitational All-Tournament team Sunday with the only two hits in Eastern's lineup, but players like Carissa Friedewald, Carrie Ninness, Jen Green and Amy Barr made contact with the ball Tuesday night.

While Eastern's offense stepped up to the plate with determination, the defense maintained its energy. Maybe they were still on Hawaii time.

The outfield carried Eastern's defensive efforts with catches by Barr, Ninness and centerfielder Jenny Herber while the infield impressed the fans with connections by shortstop Kari Hagerty and Friedewald at second base.

Eastern hasn't seen its home field since March 8, and despite its 12 losses since then, the Panthers are ready for conference action. Facing teams from California, New Mexico, Hawaii and Tokyo has added a new spark to Eastern's performance.

The Panthers have faced teams who opened their season weeks before with the help of warmer locations and better playing conditions.

Illinois opened up Eastern's season with a 11-6 record after competing in several tournaments, and while the Panthers picked up two losses from the Fighting Illini, they were able to face a competitive team with a strong pitching staff and solid batters.

Seeing teams with experience definitely has its disadvantages, such as the 12 losses Eastern has had, but it also has its brighter aspects.

With conference season continuing today with two more games against Eastern Kentucky this afternoon beginning at 1 p.m., the Panthers hopefully will shake off some jet lag and will be able to show off what they've learned out West.

Colonels shut down Panthers



Bill Ruthhart/ Staff photographer

Carissa Friedewald is ready to connect on a pitch from Eastern Kentucky in Tuesday 1-0 loss.

By Kristin Rojek

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The softball team stepped onto Williams Field just 11 hours after returning from the Hawaii Tournament to open up its Ohio Valley Conference season against Eastern Kentucky with a 4-0 loss.

The Panthers (3-13) opened up the first of the three-game series with the Colonels (19-10) Tuesday night and will pick up with the remaining two games today at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

"We started (Monday) at 5 a.m. and got in at 6 a.m. (Tuesday), so it's been a long day, but we knew we had to play Eastern Kentucky," head coach Lloydene Searle said.

"We came out flat today, but I'm sure we'll pick it up tomorrow. Mentally, I think we have a little jet lag."

Eastern Kentucky took control of the game in the third inning with a two out RBI single by second baseman Amy Herrington that moved the Colonels ahead 1-0.

The Colonels continued the scoring in the fourth inning with a triple by centerfielder Kelli Bromley, that plated two to give Eastern Kentucky a 3-0 lead. With seven hits, three runs and two errors, sophomore Kristen Becker was replaced on the mound in the fifth inning by freshman Lorie Daniel, who pitched the remainder of the game. Becker, however, picked up the loss moving her record to 1-6.

Sophomore Colonel Jonelle Csora was dominant on the mound, allowing the Panthers just two hits, both to senior Melissa Slama, while striking out eight batters.

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Top Cat

"When I think of starting the first game of a conference weekend, I don't think of pressure. I think of the challenge."

◆ Ace of diamonds ◆

Junior Scott Metz has worked hard to make transition from infield to Eastern's top pitcher

Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selection is made by the Daily Eastern News sports staff.

By Anthony Braviere

Staff writer

Not being able to play a position that you have always played and loved is something that would discourage a lot of people.

Junior Scott Metz isn't one of those people.

Metz, who originally came to Eastern as a shortstop, has turned a negative into a positive by becoming the Panthers ace this season and this week's Top Cat.

Metz has put in a lot of work in both the cages and on the mound, but for all of the hard work that Metz has done in his career who does Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz think would win? Scott Metz the hitter or Scott Metz the pitcher?

"I think Scott Metz the pitcher would win,"

Schmitz said with a laugh. "Without a doubt."

Metz thinks if he would have been able to get things done at the plate he might have been a good position player, but he is still happy with the way things have turned on the hill.

"When I first got here I was a shortstop and I really wanted to be our number three hitter," Metz said. "But I realized that maybe that wasn't the way I was going to contribute and I like trying to be the number one pitcher."

It's not a surprise to Metz's manager that Scott was able to make the transition from the infield to the mound so easily.

"I saw him play in high school and I loved him," Schmitz said. "But then it was just one of those things that happens, like why can't Chuck Knoblauch throw the ball to first."

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Close, but no cigar

Here's who had a good week but didn't quite make our cut for Top Cat of the week



Melissa Slama, senior utility player

The senior was named to the Hawaii Invitational All-Tournament team as a catcher. Slama was the only Panther named to the team as she hit .353 with three doubles for the tournament.



Bob VanHoorebeck, senior outfielder

After sitting out a week with a pulled hamstring, VanHoorebeck returned on fire going 4-for-5 with three runs, five RBI, two walks, a double and two homeruns to lead Eastern's hitting attack in their week-end series sweep over Eastern Kentucky.



Josh Landon, senior infielder

Landon went 6-for-13 in the Panthers' four games last week. The second baseman was a perfect two-for-two against IUPUI with five RBI. He also went 3-for-4 in Eastern's 11-2 win over Eastern Kentucky.



Derek Meinhart, senior golfer

The senior shot a career-best one-over par 73 to begin the spring season at the Butler Invitational in Indianapolis. Meinhart led the Panther men to a first-place finish in the invitational as Eastern totaled



Sara Figiel/ Photo editor

Junior pitcher Scott Metz has had tricks up his sleeve all season and has solidified himself as Eastern's ace on the mound.